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SUBJECT:

National Senior Intelligence Program

Reference: DIA Message, DTG 120457Z Jul 85, subject as above.

- 1. The National Senior Intelligence Program (NSIP), which had been an eight week program in recent years, was reduced to two weeks for its 1985 offering. In order to assess its validity as a senior program, the length and content of NSIP are now under review. The Defense Intelligence College announced by the referenced message that a letter would be sent, along with a questionnaire, inviting your assistance in that review.
- 2. NSIP is intended to be an executive program addressed to the GS-15/0-6 level. Our impression from preliminary review and from course critiques is that the program should be briefer than the presently scheduled eight weeks. The more senior people are not likely to be spared eight weeks away from their posts. What is more, while even the most senior people can profit from some measure of formal instruction, the program should perhaps also allow opportunity for a thorough exchange of views and problems.
- 3. Provisional thought suggests something on the order of three weeks for the program. The first two weeks might be devoted to formal instruction and seminars and the third week might be arranged in a much less formal setting so as to present an opportunity for intellectual refreshment, deep and leisurely reflection, and a free and easy exchange among the best minds in the profession.
- 4. We would greatly appreciate your thoughtful response to the attached, brief questionnaire. Your assistance will help us to plan effectively for the 1986 offerings of NSIP and will provide useful materials for discussion at the next users' conference.

Enclosure a/s

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NATIONAL SENIOR INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Please complete the following questionnaire and return to:

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זח ו	Does a three week period seem about the right length of time for senior telligence executivesmostly 0-6/GS-15 and aboveto take part in such a ogram as NSIP?
	Yes No Do you suggest another period of time as more appropriate?
2.	What would be the best time or times of the year for NSIP?
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	What mixture seems best? % instruction: % seminars?
imp ner	Listed below are some discussion topics and activities. Please rank them cording to their relative importance. Mark with a "1" those of chief cortance, with a "2" those of somewhat lesser importance, with a "3" the ely nice-to-know things, and a "4" those things altogether inappropriate such a program:
	Responsiveness and initiative in the analyst community
	Raising the quality of analysis
	Fiscal Management
	Guest lectures by senior intelligence leadership
	Personnel management (recruiting quality people; training; providing guidance; etc.)
	External influences (Changes in administration; Congressional oversight; the press and broadcast coverage; FOIA; leaks; First Amendment)
	Field trips to key Washington intelligence elements (NSA, NMIC, etc.)
	Science and Technology

	Indications and Warning
	Collection (Systems; Requirements; Management)
	Area studies (Middle East; Latin America; China)
	<pre>Intelligence support activity (Inter-agency cooperation; technological support)</pre>
	Impending and future concerns in the intelligence community ("Hot" issues; new subjects; changes in the balance of assets or concerns)
	Current intelligence issues. We are considering devoting the last few days of the program to a thorough examination of the successes and failures of the intelligence community in some recent, historical crisis. Critical issues would be identified by the participants. A "retreat" setting is a possibility.
5. Do any on how they	of the above topics need to be retitled or do you have any comments should be approached?
7. For plan	nning purposes, please indicate the number of those under your who might be sent to such a program each year for the next few
as extensive should be	add any other suggestions you might have as to what should be in , or as to how the program should be set up or run. Please comment ely as you like on the proposal that the latter part of the program spent in a kind of "retreat" setting where, for example, the swould bring to bear their perspectives on themes or problems of cern.

